

NEW YORK AVIATOR GETS VALOR CROSS

West 131st Street is Decorated.

Lieutenant Who Refused to Surrender Is Awarded Cross

Capt. Christopher W. Ford, 462 West 131st street, of the 103d Aero Repair Squadron, has been awarded the Distin-

While on a patrol with two other pilots near Rheims Capt. Ford led an

the enemy were shot down, one being destroyed by the Captain. In the Arago-
tires fight he led a patrol of six planes
against twenty enemy aircraft and
routed them. The fight resulted in ten
individual combats and Capt. Ford again

Lieut. Earl C. Schermerhorn of the 328th Infantry won his cross at Yonkers October 9 and 10, when his attacking force was surrounded by the enemy and cut off. The officers in charge de-

made his way back to the lines through deadly fire and was seriously wounded. His home is at Fisher's Island, New York.

from division headquarters to one of the regiments in line to get information and establish liaison. He covered the distance of six kilometers, through shelling, three times before the unit was forced to withdraw, returning the last time

He gave them first aid and then dragged himself down the road until he met a soldier whom he sent for an ambulance. After reaching the hospital and having his wounds dressed, O'Conner slipped out when the attendants were not looking.

Brooklyn Runner Honored.
Private Frank Lamoneco, Company B, 31st Infantry, was awarded the cross for heroism in the Meuse-Verdun campaign.

swept by machine gun fire, but were
hesitated in the performance of his mis-
sion. Not content with that he gave
good assistance on the firing line
destroying a counterattack. His home
is at 87 Knickerbocker avenue, Brook-

crossed. Major Horatio N. James of Burlington, Vt.; Corporal George L. Brown, Baltimore; Capt. William A. Simmon, Chilton, Ala.; Sergeant Joseph F. Kilroy, Philadelphia; Private George Morgan, St. Paul, Minn.; Sergeant R. H. Johnson, Birmingham, Ala.; and

Md. Major Effingham B. Morris, Jr. Philadelphia; Private L. H. Loyd, Annapolis; Sergeant Clyde H. Donald, Doyleville, Pa.; Lieut. Oscar P. McWilliamstown, Kan.; Chaplain Colonel F. O'Flaherty, deceased Mitchell 8.

Mich.; Sergeant Fred C. Gravoun
Springfield, Mass.; Lieut. Edward
Cutler, Anoka, Minn.; Private Carter
Garner, Raleigh, N. C.; Capt. Edward
Mitchell, Prescott, Ariz.; Sergeant F.
Hopping, Los Gatos, Cal., and Serg.

**PERSHING DECORATES
MAJOR-GEN. O'RYAN**
27 More Generals and Staff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Virtually all army, corps and division commanders of the American Expeditionary Force together with the heads of the staff departments, have now been awarded

Among the officers decorated was Major-Gen. John F. O'Hylan, commandant of the Marine Corps, who was decorated for his part in the defense of the city.

Major-Gen. John A. Lejeune of the Marine Corps, commanding the Second Division of Marines. Major-Gen. C. Lewis, commanding the Thirtieth Army.

Two other officers on to-day's parade were Major-Gen. Ireland, Surgeon-General of the army, and Major-Gen. Clarence Williams, chief of ordnance, were finally decorated Saturday by Secret

guished Service Medals were awarded to Brewster, Inspector-General; H. Rogers, Quartermaster-General; W. C. Langitt, director of light and chief engineer; A. E. P. M. Patrick, director of construction.

Army, and later commander of the 1st Division; Anson E. Hays, brigade commander; Edmund W. Meyer, brigade and division commander; Charles G. Morton, 1st Division; N. M. Lewis, 2nd Division.

Division; James H. Mullan, second eighth Division; George R. Longenecker, twenty-seventh and Eighty-second Divisions; William Weigel, brigadier, Twenty-eighth Division; and James H. Longenecker, Ninety-first Division.

Fourth Army Corps and Second
Main Craig, chief of staff of
Army Corps; Robert C. Davis, A
General, A. 12. F.; Walter A.
Judge Advocate-General, A. 13. F.
Rusell, chief signal officer, A. 14.

The Colonels named are Wm. McFarland, medical department, at Fort Meade, Md., and Wm. Bradley, chief surgeon, A. I. C. at Fort Meade, Md.

ANTONIO, Joseph, Philadelphia, Pa.
MATZKE, George C., West Allis, Wis.
